

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Loosening these regulations will only result in further constriction of the sources of news, information, and other media to the public. We have already seen a few media companies gobble up every bit of the public spectrum that they can, and there is no reason to expect that this trend will change should the meager restrictions that are still left to inhibit these companies' monopolistic business be lifted. A strong and healthy democracy is inherently dependent upon the public having broad access to information, and allowing single entities to control such vast swaths of the media spectrum is in direct opposition to this goal.